

## When Billy Sunday Came to Town

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### CHAPTER III.

A Vital Shock for Reginald.

The home in which Allan Rutledge lived was in an imposing building in one of the best residential districts in Bronson. Reginald, the bell and was greeted by the minister himself, who was evidently awaiting him, and who warmly welcomed him.

"This is my young son, Abraham," said the minister, introducing Reginald to a young boy of about three years of age. "He is a little fellow, but he is called after a great man. He is a namesake of Abraham Lincoln."

Reginald noticed Allan Rutledge regarding his little son with moistened eyes.

"My hope and prayers for my boy," he said earnestly in answer to the other's look, "is that he will be worthy to bear the name of Abraham Lincoln."

"He will be a noble man assuredly if he acquires a character like the noble Lincoln," responded Reginald, becoming serious. "Do you know that it was the life of Abraham Lincoln which first gave me a glimpse of what democracy means and of what life really is."

They were interrupted by a lady entering the room carrying a baby in her arms. She was a gracious looking woman, quite young in appearance, with light flaxen hair and lustrous blue eyes.

"Come in and meet the young Englishman I have been telling you about. Mr. Nelson, this is my wife," said Rutledge.

"I am pleased to meet you, Mrs. Rutledge. What a lovely baby you have!" he added, looking with admiration at the child in its mother's arms.

Allan Rutledge took the child in his arms, saying: "This is our daughter, Anna. She, too, is called after a noble woman. Do you remember in the life of Abraham Lincoln that pathetic romance of his early days?"

"You mean the romance of Lincoln and Anne Rutledge?" responded Reginald quickly.

"Yes," said the minister. "Anna Rutledge was the sister of my grandfather, and I am proud of my Rutledge blood."

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## FOOTSTEPS OF THE FATHERS

As Traced in Early Files of The Yorkville Enquirer.

### NEWS AND VIEWS OF YESTERDAY

Bringing Up Records of the Past and Giving the Younger Readers of Today a Pretty Comprehensive Knowledge of the Things that Most Concerned Generations that Have Gone Before.

The first installment of the notes appearing under this heading was published in our issue of November 14, 1913. The notes are being prepared by the editor as time and opportunity permit. Their purpose is to bring into review the events of the past for the pleasure and satisfaction of the older people and for the entertainment and instruction of the present generation.

### 127TH INSTALLMENT

(Wednesday Evening, March 9, 1864.)

#### Fires.

The depot of the King's Mountain railroad at Chester, was consumed by fire on Wednesday morning, last, about 10 o'clock, and fifteen barrels of cotton, belonging to Jasper Stowe of North Carolina, all it contained, was burned. The building has seldom been in use, and was securely locked up at the time. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A dwelling and outhouse of Dock Whitaker, near this place, was burned down Saturday, last, and the entire contents consumed. He is a poor young man, and the loss falls on him with the greater severity at this time, when food cannot be obtained for love or money.

Married—On the third, instant, by J. D. P. Curran, Esq., Mr. John W. Parker and Miss Seely Ann Revel, all of Gaston county, N. C.

(Wednesday Evening, March 16, 1864.)

For The Yorkville Enquirer.

Camp 12th Reg. S. C. V.,

Near Orange C. H., Va., March 2.

## THE HOMES OF THE SCHOOLS

Photographic Evidence of Modern Progress in York County.

This photograph of a handsome York county school building, is one of a number that The Enquirer has along with it, showing the wonderful improvement that is being made along



NEWPORT SCHOOL

This building was remodeled in 1913 so as to conform to the requirements of the state regulation as to lighting, ventilation, etc. It has two rooms, and they are well equipped with proper furniture. The district pays an extra levy of 2 mills, and the school, with an enrollment of sixty pupils, runs eight months. Messrs. J. A. McFadden, R. A. Jackson and J. A. Hayes are the trustees. The teachers are Mary C. Byers and Julia Hayes.

Dear Enquirer: Please publish for information the enclosed list of the killed in battle, died of disease and discharged for disability, of Co. H, 12th regiment, S. C. V., since the organization of the company, August 13, 1861:

Killed in battle—Capt. F. A. Erwin, First Lieut. A. W. Poag, Brevet Second Lieut. J. A. May, Privates—C. C. Westbrook, J. T. Moore, Jr., J. F. Miller, J. F. Wherry, J. L. Roach, J. N. Henry, W. H. Hand, Jas. Ratteree, J. H. Taylor, D. M. Worth.

Died of wounds—Privates J. W. Wherry, W. Richardson, W. M. Pittman.

Died of disease—Sergt. T. E. Roddy, Privates W. A. Steele, Jr., Wm. Gaulden, W. M. Collins, J. R. Ware, W. L. Holcomb, T. S. Shurley, T. M. McClellan, Jno. McClellan, C. Sexton, E. H. Grier, W. H. Sparks, E. C. Clendenman, J. E. Smith, J. C. Spear.

Discharged for disability—3d. Patton, J. B. Thomasson, J. R. Rodgers, W. Crew, G. Matthews, Jno. Wiley, Jno. Harrison, H. Burnside, W. W. Reid, J. B. Steele, J. Hart.

Killed ..... 13  
Died of wounds ..... 3  
Died of disease ..... 15  
Discharged ..... 11

Total ..... 42  
Joined by recruit ..... 21  
On roll list of March ..... 70  
On furlough of indulgence ..... 12  
Absent, sick and wounded ..... 12  
Present, sick ..... 8  
In hands of enemy ..... 1  
Exchanged prisoners not returned ..... 3  
Present for duty ..... 46

Total, present and absent ..... 70  
Ensign, 12th Reg. S. C. V.

(Wednesday Evening, March 30, 1864.)

### The News.

The mails still continue to reach us very irregularly—but we can bear the mischances better from the fact that but little news is stirring, and but a few movements can be made by our enemies from the continued bad weather, which probably renders the roads and water courses impassable.

From Dalton, Georgia, we learn, on the 26th instant, that no reinforcements, with the exception of returning regiments, have arrived in front as yet; though it is generally supposed that Sherman's will be brought within striking distance.

Scouts from the front report everything quiet. As many regiments are believed to be traveling on forty days' furlough as there are returning.

Hampton's first and second cavalry regiments are ordered to this state, and will be replaced by others now on the coast.

There are many reports current of movements of our troops, but we have

nothing reliable wherefrom to draw inferences, were so inclined.

Our "Items" today are replete with interest.

(Wednesday Evening, April 20, 1864.)

### The Danville Connection.

We mentioned in our last that the directors of the Statesville, N. C., railroad had patriotically surrendered a portion of their iron for the completion of the Danville road to Richmond. We since learn that only about six miles of the rails just above Mount

Mourne will be taken up. The cars will continue to run between Mount Mourne and Charlotte, and so soon as strap iron enough can be obtained to put in the place of the rails removed, we presume the whole line will be put in operation again.

As this action will relieve the York road for the present, we hope it will not prevent a general meeting of the stockholders, called for Friday next.

(To Be Continued.)

### BELGIUM

Nearly All of the Little Country is Held by the Germans.

Out of 11,370 square miles of territory occupied by Belgium before the present war, less than 300 square miles thereof is still held by the Belgians and their allies; and the normal population of the part of the country still held by the Belgians is only 100,000, while the peace population of the whole country was more than 7,000,000. Thus begins a state of things which is being watched with interest by the National Geographic society, showing what Belgium has lost of her territory since the present war began. It then continues:

All of Belgium's cities, her commerce, industry and resources of mine and timber lands now lie behind the German lines, which sweep from Westphalia on the North sea to Basel, where the Rhine leaves Switzerland for Germany.

Independent Belgium today is a thin strip of land wedged into the French department of Pas-de-Calais.

## TOLD BY LOCAL EXCHANGES

News Happenings in Neighboring Communities.

### CONDENSED FOR QUICK READING

Dealing Mainly With Local Affairs of Cherokee, Cleveland, Gaston, Lancaster and Chester.

Rock Hill Record, April 23: Fire about 9:30 o'clock last night partially destroyed a cottage on East Black street, occupied by "Bliss" Hall, a negro. The firemen did good work and saved the home of Pastor G. H. Jackson of India, Hook, left this morning for Catawba, N. C., where she and Mr. Jackson will reside in the future. Mr. Jackson is manager of the power plant at that place.

At a brief session of council Monday night, that body received a letter from Dr. R. Summer, secretary of the board of health, informing council that the board had elected S. T. Frew as health officer at salary of \$60 per month and \$12.50 per month for horse feed. Council ratified the election but stipulated that Dr. Frew should not receive more than \$100 in order to get the \$12.50 for maintenance.

There was an exciting election for the first performance of Smith's shows, but which would most likely have been enjoyed by the audience in a regular theatre. The lion's, jumped through the vent-hole in its cage into the lion's cage, probably trying to escape the lion's paw. The lion's paw landed on the big cat and pounded it to death.

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Moore and Mr. B. H. Parker. Police is said to have been the cause of it. So far as can be learned only one

lick passed. Mr. Parker struck Mr. Moore and friends of the two intervened to stop the conflict. Sheriff Thomas of Cherokee county, S. C., is here today to take back to Gaston a prisoner named John G. Gaudin, charged with the crime of shooting a woman for an assault with a deadly weapon and resisting an officer. Jenkins was arrested Wednesday at Statesville City by Chief of Police Carson of that town, and was brought here and placed in jail. Jenkins has served a term in the Gaston county penitentiary for selling whisky.

In the preliminary declarations of the city schools last night, at the courthouse, Robinson LaFleur, of the Statesville, N. C., was the winner, being elected to represent Gastonia at the county declaration. The other candidates were: Al. Chatham, John H. Bradley, and Mr. and Mrs. D. R. LaFleur, who was the winner, being elected to represent Gastonia at the county declaration.

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## THE TORRENS SYSTEM

Comprehensive Statement of What It Means and How it Works.

The Wall Street Journal, one of the leading business newspapers of America, is convinced that "modern civilization demands Torrens methods and Torrens legislation." Land, it says, is the fundamental of wealth; and because this is true the history of the struggle on the part of mankind to protect land and to secure possession of it for himself and his descendants, as civilization has become more complex, and as delays in business actions have become in consequence costlier, the cumbersome of the old methods of establishing and transferring titles has grown increasingly burdensome. The demand for a simple system existed even before Sir Robert Torrens evolved that which bears his name. The spread of the Torrens system has been due to a recognition of its practicability. It "cuts the Gordian knot of land jurisprudence and furnishes a trenchant instrument, which, after its use as a weapon, can be turned into the ploughshare of modern economic life."

The reasons which have led to this able financial journal to such a conclusion are set forth in a series of sixteen articles the last of which has just appeared. In these articles, the history of Torrens land registration acts is reviewed, the workings of the system in actual operation are discussed, the objections legal and otherwise which have been raised in opposition to it are considered. A reading of these articles is convincing. The opposition to the Torrens system, an opposition founded largely upon the self-interest of title companies and owing such success as it has achieved to the ignorance of the public, is crumbling. It cannot prosper indefinitely. The Torrens system has proved its benefits. It has been put to the test under the most adverse conditions and has established its practicability and its advantages. These are obvious. "It abolishes endless fees. It eliminates repeated examinations of titles. It reduces records enormously. It instantly reveals ownership. It protects against encumbrances not noted on the Torrens certificate. It makes fraud almost impossible. It assures. It keeps up the system without adding to the burden of taxation. The beneficiaries of the system pay the fees. It eliminates 'tax titles.' It furnishes state title insurance instead of preferred title insurance. It makes possible the transfer of titles or of loans within the compass of hours instead of a matter of days and weeks. Transfer and registration can be reduced to \$1.

This claim for the Torrens system, that it makes possible the transfer of loans easily and promptly, should prove an especially effective argument for it in this section of the United States. The new banking laws are far more liberal as to land loans than those which formerly prevailed in this country. But under the present complex and unsafe system of establishing and maintaining titles, those who have money to lend are not eager to accept land as security.

The Torrens system would not only make